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RAILROADS SAY AREN'T LIABLE

Assert Damage to Grain On Tracks at Galveston Due to Act of God

CASE TO REACH COURT

Grain Interests Say Refusal Will End Shipments to Galveston Port

THAT the railroads have disclaimed all liability and responsibility for the losses sustained by southwestern grain shippers as the result of salt water damage to shipments on cars at Galveston at the time of the recent gulf storm, was the statement Tuesday of a prominent member of the Oklahoma Grain Dealers' association.

"It is the general opinion of the grain men," he added, "that the railroads are legally responsible and will be held liable if the matter is carried into the court. The aggregate loss from this damage was about \$325,000, and eventually, we believe, the transportation companies will have to pay.

Hold Three Conferences

"These meetings, with the adjustment of this loss as the prime motive, have been held—at Oklahoma City where adjustment committees were selected to the railroad interests and the grain men; then a conference at Chicago, and quite recently a similar meeting in Fort Worth.

At the latter meeting the railway interests flatly disclaimed liability, asserting that the loss resulted from an act of Providence yet agreeing to take the matter under consideration. The grain interests, at the Fort Worth conference, proposed that the experts should bear one-fourth of the loss, the signatures one-fourth, and the transpor-

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AUSTRIAN CABINET CRISIS REACHED

Emperor Has Already Accepted Three Resignations—Ministers of Interior, Commerce and Finance Quit

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 1.—Reports that several members of the Austrian cabinet have resigned are confirmed by an autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph, published in the Wiener Zeitung of Vienna. The emperor has accepted the resignations of Dr. Karl Heiml D'Udny, minister of the interior; Dr. Rudolf Schuster von Bechtold, minister of commerce, and Baron Engel von Münchfelden, minister of finance.

Notice Nailed to Trees

Reports that notices had been nailed to trees and fences leading to the Du Pont plants at Eddystone and at Carney's Point, warning employees of Teutonic origin that they would imperil their lives by continuing to work at either place, soon receiving the attention of the big force of detectives working on the case.

PURCHASE PLANT

ARDMORE, Dec. 1.—The plant and business of the Ardmore Gas company, which owns gas pipeline to the fields west of here and supplies Ardmore with gas, was Tuesday sold to the North American Light & Power company of Chicago.

TEXAS TO PUT IN PIPE LINE

Give Another Outlet for Healdton Field; Dollar Price Expected

It is rumored in the Healdton field that at a meeting of the board of directors of the Texas Pipeline company, held at Houston Tuesday, that company decided to build a pipeline into the Healdton field, was the statement Wednesday of Art Walker, state oil and gas conservation officer for that district.

After today the runs in the Healdton field will be right at 100 per cent. This morning the orders were for 50,000 barrels. While the price is 55 cents per barrel, all producers in that district are talking dollar oil. There is now stored in that field 3,500,000 barrels of oil, and it cannot be purchased at an offer of ten cents premium. The production now is 125,000 barrels per day.

I am advised that in the Cushing-Tulsa fields they are expecting an other advance in the price of oil."

Mr. Walker says that operators in the Healdton field now are abiding absolutely by the conservation rules as laid down by the state corporation commission.

Death List Tie—Girls Lend Boys In Birth Rate

The birth rate in Oklahoma City for the month of November was more than twice as great as the death rate. 108 new additions to the population being reported, as against 51 deaths. Ghi babies had the edge on boys to the tune of 61 to 45.

Four of the deaths were due to pneumonia, one to typhoid, one to influenza, two to tuberculosis, two to accidents, three to suicide, one to homicide, and 25 from other causes. Twenty-two males and 22 white females died and four colored males and three colored females.

THE WEATHER

For Oklahoma City and Vicinity—To-night fair and continued cold. Thundershirt and somewhat warmer.

Weather Conditions

A shallow low pressure area is located over Western timber country and is passing eastward across the upper Mississippi valley and Lake region. Light precipitation has occurred in the lower Lake region, western New York and parts of Connecticut. The cold air mass moving southward from the Great Lakes is still in the Gulf Coast and Atlantic areas, with a steady cold this morning in the Gulf Coast. Large high pressure area affected by cold and moderate east winds. No rain expected. Windy at times, with gusts up to 30 miles per hour. Temperature at 10 a.m. 50° at 12 o'clock 50°.

Precipitation for past 24 hours 0.

Comparative Precipitation

January 1 to this date 1915	1.24
January 1 to this date 1914	2.60
January 1 to this date 1913	1.02
January 1 to this date 1912	1.25
Normal to this date	2.00

Washington Forecast

Oklahoma City tonight: cloudy with temperature 22 to 28 degrees. Sunday and warmer in west portion. Sunday night: bright, cool, becoming cloudy in central and western portion. Longtime: Tonight, clouds probably rain in southeast portion, ending in northwestern portion. Thursday, fair weather. Arkansas: Tonight, fair, cooler, rain ending in southeastern portion. Friday, cool, fair, colder in east portion.

CAVITY MARKS FACTORY SITE

Investigators of Powder Mill Explosion Have Little Upon Which to Go

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 1.—Although an investigation into the cause of the disaster was started by officials of the Du Pont Powder company immediately after the explosion which Tuesday caused the death of 26 workers and the serious injury of six others in the company's upper Bagley yards, nothing of a tangible nature had been discovered early Wednesday. Every employee who was near the building that was destroyed was put through a thorough examination, but without throwing any light on the mystery. Not one of the 26 men who were in the Pelet packing house escaped and there is now only a big hole in the ground where the building stood. The investigators stated they were without a thread on which to base their hopes that the origin of the explosion ever will be ascertained.

Mr. Ferris said that hearings had been suggested, but that it had not been determined what course should be pursued in the committee. He said the bill was certain of passage in the Senate, but stated they had remained in position for only a few hours at a time. The notices regarding to one of these men read as follows:

"Americans who lost their lives with the sinking of the Lusitania did so after due warning. All men of Teutonic origin are hereby warned that if they continue in the employment of the DuPont Powder company they will be taking their lives in their hands."

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The bill, an administration measure, empowers the interior department to lease public lands for fifty years for construction, maintenance and operation of dams, water conduits, power houses, transmission lines and other works necessary for development of hydroelectric power.

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The theory most widely credited is that the explosion was caused by a spark from a horse's shoe striking a stone or piece of metal or from a spark caused by a small car running over some powder that had spilled in the yard. Workmen in the yards said that just before the explosion occurred a car containing several thousand pounds of black powder had been drawn by two horses along a narrow gauge track to the entrance of the packing house to be prepared for shipment. Some of the powder, it was said, may have dropped from the car and either a horse's shoe or the wheel of the car could easily have ignited it and caused a flash to reach the powder in the car, exploding it and the powder in the house.

Most of those who lost their lives were under 20 years of age. The force of the explosion was so great that the victims' bodies were torn into shreds and scattered in every direction making positive identification impossible. Slight hope is held out for the recovery of the six injured men who were taken to hospitals.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 1.—Following close upon the terrible explosion at the Du Pont Powder plant Tuesday, which killed 26 persons, a small explosion of smokeless powder today at the Du Pont plant at Carney's Point, N. J., across the river from this city, caused some excitement. None were hurt.

There have been no more deaths among the six injured in the explosion Tuesday. It is feared, however, that several will die.

JUDGES ON RAILWAY HEARING

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—Arguments were to begin before three federal circuit judges here Wednesday in the case of the government to separate the Central Pacific railway from the Southern Pacific.

Germans Crown Prince and His Uncle



Prince Henry.

Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm

This photograph shows the latest picture of Crown Prince Friedrich, uncle of the present King of Prussia, who was in the United States recently. He was received with white gloves.

With Prince Henry in middle. The

two men are engaged in conversation.

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